

Southborough March 1<sup>st</sup> 1782 To W Nathan Bridges  
Town Treasurer Sir Please to pay Peter Stone Nine pounds  
Six Shillings and Six pence as granted by the Town  
£9.6.6-

Joshua Smith  
Wm Nathan  
Herman Gray

of Selectmen  
for  
Southborough

Granted

200 100

The town judgmented to me the subscriber  
for boarding the preacher Eighteen weeks  
at ~~at~~ eight shillings pr week ~~of £4 00~~  
for horse keeping 7 weeks by grass one shillings  
pr week ~~of £1 10 00~~

Eight weeks by hay 4 shillings pr week ~~of £2 00~~

Peter Stone <sup>Total 9 6 6</sup>

To W. Nathan Bridges Treasurer for Southboro  
Sir please to pay yourself Twenty Seven  
Shillings as Granted by the Town & your  
Receipt shall be your discharge for so much  
Southborough May 30th 1782

£1.7s

Joshua Smith  
Elijah Abraham  
Well in Contrary

Selectmen

for  
Southborough

Granted — — —  
Nathan Bridges  
order on Jera

January 14th 1783  
Received the sum of  
Nathan  
Bridges  
£1.7.0

Southborough 19<sup>th</sup> 20 1782

The Town of Southborough Do to the  
Subcriber for Keeping horses nine weeks  
for the preachers 10/- per week £1.7-

John

Nathan Bridges

Southborough March 10<sup>th</sup> 1782 To W<sup>r</sup> Nathan Bridge  
Treasurer sir please to pay Jonas Woods Eight  
Shillings as Granted by the Town Selectmen  
£0.810

Joshua Smith for  
Elijah Brigham Southboro  
Feb 21: 1783 Received the sum of <sup>W<sup>r</sup> m</sup> on behalf of Jonas Woods  
Counterue

Granted -

The Town of Southborough I. v. to me the subscriber  
for keeping the Preachers Horse two weeks 8/- shil  
March the 6<sup>th</sup> 1782

Jonas Woods.

Southborough march 26<sup>th</sup> 1783

To Jonas Ball Tresurer please to pay  
Nathan Bridges four pound, Eleven  
Shilling & Six pence and his Recipt  
Shall be your Discharge for so much

4:11:6

Heman Fay } Selectmen  
Hezekiah Fay } for  
Solomon Newton } Southbor.  
Southbor.

May 10. 1784 Remnd the contnu  
Nathan Bridges

£4:11:6 Granted  
The Journey Southbor.  
not paid to

Southborough March 1783

The Town of Southborough Dr to Nathan  
Bridges as Saving Treasure for the year past

4-0-0

To Keeping my Plumb Horse Thwacks and  
Two day old 5/- per week - - - - 0.11-6-0  
To myself and horse to Lincoln and Cambridge  
Joint Expence to hire a Preacher in 1782

1-2-0  
5 13 6

Nathan Bridges

Nathan Bridges

Southborough April 24<sup>th</sup> 1783

To Jonas Ball I request you to pay m<sup>r</sup> William Plum Eighteen pounds Ten Shillings and his Receipt Shall be your Discharge for so much

Herman Fray

18.10.0 Will<sup>m</sup> Outhouse Selectmen  
Hezekiah Fray } for  
Solomon Newton } Southbor.

Rec'd the Content of this  
Within order William Plum

2747

Plum Recd

Then Rec'd. of the Town Treasurer of Southborough Fifteen  
Pounds in full for my Service for Supplying the pulpit in  
Southborough viz. £ 10. 0s Cash & £ 10. 0s by his Note of  
hand Recd per Recd -

Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> 1782

Joseph Kitton Jun.

Mr Joseph  
Kilburn Receipt  
for A. 10.0  
I gave a Note  
10. 10. 0

Southboro<sup>7</sup> July 20<sup>th</sup> 1782

I have received of Mr Nathan Bridges Treasurer the  
sum of Three pounds £3 in part of what is due  
to me for Supplying the Pulpit in this Town

3-0-0

by me Walter Lyon

M<sup>r</sup> Lyon, fruit

To the Selectmen of the Town of Southborough  
Capt<sup>n</sup> —  
Wee your Petitioners Inhabitants of Southborough being  
Sensible of the Benefits which Result from Peace-  
Unity and good Order in any or Every Society, both  
which arise from Civil as well as Religious Government  
and that it is our Indispensible Duty to maintain  
Both and by the Providence of God sometime since  
in Bereaving this Society of their Rev<sup>n</sup> Pastor  
Herby we are in some Measure deprived of the  
Stated Ordinances of the Gospel; and this Assembly  
some Time since in some degree of Union did agree  
to give Mr. W<sup>m</sup> Plumb<sup>s</sup> a Call to settle in the  
Gospel Ministry in this place — and your Petitioners  
are sensible of Opinion that Mr. Plumb<sup>s</sup> has had a  
sufficient time to consider of and determine, one way  
or the Other, so that the Town be no longer in Suspense —  
and your Petitioners being uneasy that we are thus  
held in Suspense. Therefore we desire you to issue  
your Warrant to assemble the Town in Legal Town  
Meeting, that the mind of the Town may be  
Collected, so that an immediate answer may be  
desired or requested from Mr. Plumb<sup>s</sup> or his Call  
withdrown, or to pass any Vote or Votes that have  
respect to the settling of a Gospel Ministry in  
this Town — and your Petitioners in duty  
Bound shall ever Pray  
Southborough Nov<sup>r</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> 1783.

Joshua Smith  
Nathan Bridges

Eben<sup>r</sup> Bellows  
Solomon Bellows

Gideon Newton

Seth Newton

Benjamin Miser

Zachariah Witherbee

Asahel Mathews

Ezekiel Watson

Holston Ward

Thomas Stone

November 13

Please to Return this to Joshua Smith  
this Night

To  
The Gent<sup>m</sup> Selectmen of  
Southborough

W  
C  
P  
S  
J

I embrace this occasion to express my  
lively sense of the kindnesses, civilities and respects the Town  
has shewn me ever since I have had the honor to live in it;  
and to assure it I am not insensible of the great reasons I  
have to esteem it; for its rational, steady and uniform manage-  
ment of both public and private affairs.

And as I chuse to act in the plainest and most open  
manner, I now inform you; that I cannot say which is most  
probable, whether I shall comply, or not, with your invita-  
tion to settle over you in the Gospel Ministry.

If my continuance with the Town under these circumstances  
be agreeable, I engage to give an explicit <sup>answer</sup> by the last day of  
the next March: and should I form a decided judgment, may  
much sooner achieve your suffrage.

And whereas, if I should stay with you for life, shall  
want to purchase a place for a residence; or should I leave  
you, the distance of my native place will make it trouble-  
some and expensive to the Town to obtain a conveyance  
to me; I therefore propose for your benefit, If the Town will  
raise what is now due to me, and what shall become due  
between this and the time of giving my answer, and punctually  
pay me, I will remit one treentieth part of it.

With great esteem

I have the honor to be the Town's

most devoted

most humble servant

and sincere friend

To the Town of Southborough.

William Plumb

Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> 1783.

McPlumb's  
Letter

Aug 20 1844